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Introduction.

SEEING the Welfare and Proſperity of all SOCIETIES, depends upon the regular and ſteady *Adminiſtration* of their *Affairs*, in a Conformity to the Fundamental Rules of their Conſtitution; and that ſuch is the Inſtability and Fluctuancy of Human Affairs, ariſing

Argument for compiling Statutes.

from Men's different Ways of Thinking and Acting; That regular and ſteady Adminiſtration cannot, in any Meaſure, be aſcertained, without laying down perpetual *Rules* of *Statutes*, and binding the *Adminiſtrators* to an exact *Obſervance* of them: And ſeeing the Miſmanagement of an HOSPITAL, and Miſapplication of its FUNDS, are, by the common Conſent of Mankind, deem'd Crimes equal in Wickedneſs to Sacrilege: And that it is highly expedient, for preventing theſe Evils, and for eſtabliſhing and maintaining good *Order* and *Oeconomy*, that *Rules* and *Statutes* be laid down, and that the *Governours* of *Hoſpitals* ſhould come under ſacred and ſolemn Obligations to obſerve and obey them, and to act honeſtly and diſintereſtedly: Therefore, the following *Statutes* are given, to be a perpetual *Rule* for the *Government* of this *Hoſpital*.

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STATUTE Ist.

THE HOSPITAL shall be Governed by a *Council* of *Governours*, consisting of Twenty one Persons; whereof the Lord *Provost*, the Four *Baillies*, the *Dean of Guild*, and the *Treasurer* of the City of *Edinburgh*, during their Continuance in Office, shall be Seven; the Persons who sit in the *Town-Council*, in the Character of *Old Magistrates*, during their Continuance in Council in that Character, shall be Seven more; and the *Deacon-Conveener*, the Two *Ministers* of the *College Church*, for the Time being, and Four *Tradesmen* to be chosen by the *Town-Council*, shall be the other Seven.

The Council of Governors appointed.

STATUTE IId.

THE *Council* of *Governours*, mentioned in the foregoing *Statutes*, whereof *Eleven* are declared to be a *Quorum*, shall meet Four Times every

The Powers of the Council, Place, and Times of Meeting settl'd.

Year, in the HOSPITAL, *viz.* on the third *Monday* of *October*, ſecond *Monday* of *January*, ſecond *Monday* of *April*, and ſecond *Monday* of *July*; and as often, at other Times, as the *Hoſpital*'s Affairs ſhall require: And ſhall have Power and Authority to govern the *Hoſpital*, cenſure, puniſh, and extrude the *Perſons* Entertain'd in it; to chuſe, cenſure, and diſmiſs all *Officers* and *Servants*, as Occaſion requires; to direct its *Oeconomy* within and without Doors; to act with the *Treaſurer*: And, in *General*, to order all its Affairs, determining and concluding by Majority of Votes.

STATUTE III^d.

The Perſons to be admitted into, and entertained in the Hoſpital, deſcribed, their Number adjuſted.

THE Perſons to be admitted into, and maintain'd in the *Hoſpital*, ſhall be no other than *old Men* or *old Women*, *Burgeſſes*, *Burgeſs Wives*, or *Children* of *Burgeſſes*, not *married*, nor under the *Age* of *Fifty Years*: or ſhall be Perſons of the *Age* and *State*

of

of Life before mentioned, presented by the *Donators* of L. 250 *Sterling*; and the *Number* of the Persons to be constantly entertain'd, shall be so many, as the *Revenue* of the *Hospital* can conveniently *maintain*, after *Deduction* of the Charge of *Management*, and of *maintaining* the Fabrick.

STATUTE IVth.

THE DONAR of the Sum of L. 200 *Sterling*, shall be privileged to present a Man or Woman to the *Council* of *Governours*, qualified in all Respects, as in the foregoing *Statute*: Or, the DONAR of L. 250 *Sterl.* shall be privileged to present any Person whatsoever, of the *Age* and *State* forementioned, to be admitted into, and maintain'd in the *Hospital*, at the End of *Six Months*, after Payment of the respective *Sums* before-mentioned; and the *Privileges* shall descend to *Heirs* and *Successors* whatsoever: Providing nevertheless, That no Person be

Presentations regulate.

be preſented upon the *Deceaſe* of another till *Twelve Months* are elapſed, after the laſt Perſon's *Deceaſe*.

STATUTE Vth.

The Manner of Entertainment in the Hoſpital, and Matters to be performed by the Perſons admitted into it, laid down.

ALL Perſons admitted into the *Hoſpital*, ſhall be provided with *decent Apparel*, *wholeſome Food*, and *convenient Lodgings*, furniſhed with *clean Linnen*, *Bed* and *Bed-cloaths*; ſhall have ſuch Allowance paid them weekly, for petty *incident Expences*, as the *Council of Governours* ſhall think fit, and ſhall be *decently buried* at the *Hoſpital's* Expence. But each Perſon ſhall bring into the *Hoſpital*, at their *Admiſſion*, a *Bed* and *Bed-cloaths* for their own Uſe; and ſhall ſign a *Writ*, by which they *transfer* and *diſpone* to the Maſters, for the *Behoof* of the *Hoſpital*, all the *Goods* and *Gear*, *Money* or *Effects* they are poſſeſt of at their *Admiſſion*. And ſhall further ſolemnly promiſe before the *Council*, to *demean* themſelves *orderly* in the *Hoſpital*;

pital; to be *obedient* to the *Orders* of the *Council*; and to obey the *Governour* and *Governess*, in all their just and lawful Commands.

STATUTE VIth.

THE *Officers* and *Servants* employ'd in the *Hospital*, shall be Two Masters, the one a Merchant, the other a Tradesman; a Clerk, a Governour, a Governess, a Caterer or Cateress, a Porter or Messenger, and as many *Maid Servants* as the Exigence of the *Hospital* shall require. Upon the Death, Demission, or Removal of any whereof, the *Council* shall proceed to chuse others in their Places within Fourteen Days thereafter.

The Officers and Servants to be employ'd, enumerate.

STATUTE VIIth.

THE *Joint-Business* of the *Two Masters* shall be, frequently to *Visit* the *Hospital*, in order to inspect the *Conduct* and *Behaviour* of all the *Officers*,

The Province of the Masters circumscribed.

Officers, Servants, and *Persons entertain'd* in it; to *report* to the *Council* what they observe to be *amiss,* and to *summon Meetings* of the *Council,* as Occasion requires. But it shall be the particular *Province* of the *Merchant Master* to serve as Treasurer to the *Hospital,* by receiving the *Revenue,* and defraying the *Expence* of it; and keeping regular *Books of Accompts,* in the *Form* to be prescribed to him by the *Council*: And of the *Tradesman Master,* to Inspect the Behaviour of the People in the *Hospital,* in a particular Manner, and see to the *Execution* of the Council's Orders.

STATUTE VIIIth.

The Clerk's Office and Salary settled.

THE Office of the Clerk shall be, to attend all *Meetings* and *Committees*; to keep an exact *Sederunt Book* of *Transactions,* and *Register Book* of all *Persons admitted* into the *Hospital*; to write all *Committee's Reports*; to draw all *Writs* and *Evidents* which con-

concern the *Hospital's Affairs*; to keep all the *Papers* belonging to the *Hospital* in a safe Place, and in due Order; and further to do what the *Council* shall, from Time to Time, direct in his *Sphere*. His Salary shall be such as the *Council* shall appoint, not exceeding L. 10 *Sterling* Yearly.

STATUTE IXth.

The Governour's Sphere and Salary adjusted.

THE Province of the Governour shall be, to inspect the *Manners* and *Behaviour* of all the *Persons* in the *Hospital*, particularly of the *Men*, and to report what he finds amiss to the *Masters*; to *discourse* with them, *counsel*, *advise*, and *reprove them*, as Occasion requires; to sit at *Table* where the Men eat; to officiate as *Chaplain*, by *praying* with them in the *Morning* and *Evening*, asking *GOD's Blessing*, and returning *Him Thanks* at Meat; and further, to do what else the *Council* shall, from Time to Time, direct concerning his *Office*. He shall be main-

maintain'd and entertain'd in the *Hospital* at *Bed* and *Board*; and his Salary, out of which he is to provide himself with *decent Cloaths*, shall be such as the *Council* shall appoint, not exceeding L. 25 *Sterling* Yearly.

STATUTE Xth.

The Governess's Business and Salary determined.

THE Business of the Governess shall be, to inspect the *Manners* and *Behaviour* of all *Persons* in the *Hospital*, particularly of the *Women*, and to report what she finds amiss to the *Master*; and officiate as Steward, taking Charge of the *Provisions* of *Meat and Drink* brought into the *Hospital*, overseeing the Dressing and Disposal thereof, and accompting for it to the Masters; to *Comptrol* the *Caterer* or *Catereſs*, and accompt with him or her, and to sit at the *Head* of the *Table* where the *Women* eat; and further, to do, whatever the *Council* shall, from Time to Time, direct concerning her *Office*. She shall be maintain'd and enter-

entertain'd in the *Hospital*, and her Sallary for providing *Cloaths*, and defraying *personal Charges*, shall be such as the *Council* shall appoint, not exceeding L. 12 *Sterling* Yearly.

STATUTE XIth.

THE Caterer or Catereſs Buſineſs shall be, to go to the *Mercat*, and buy the Victuals, accompting to the *Governeſs*, for his or her *Intromiſſions*; and, if a *Catereſs*, to aſſiſt in dreſſing of them, and doing the other *Parts* of a *Servant's Work* in the Hospital. His or her Fee, and the Fee of the other *Maid-ſervants*, shall be such as the *Governeſs* shall agree upon with them by Advice of the *Maſter*. And the Pynter or Meſſenger's Buſineſs shall be, to open and lock the *Gates regularly*, delivering the *Keys* every Night to the *Governour*, and receiving them back from him in the Morning; to ſummon the *Governours* to all Meetings; and further to do

The Caterer or Catereſs, Maid-Servants, Porter or Meſſengers Duty and Fees, laid down and fixt.

do what the *Masters*, or the *Governour* and *Governess* shall direct, consistent with the Rules of *Oeconomy* in the *Hospital*. They shall be maintain'd and entertained in the *Hospital*; and the Porter or Messenger's Salary shall be what the *Council* shall appoint, not exceeding L. 3 *Sterling* Yearly.

STATUTE XIIth.

EVERY Governour shall, at his Admission, and before he enter upon the Exercise of his Office, take the following Oath, to be administrate to him by the *Clerk*, *viz.*

The Governour and Officers Oaths compiled.

I A. B. Do faithfully promise, and solemnly swear, That I will punctually observe the STATUTES of this HOSPITAL, and demean my self uprightly, disinterestedly, and honestly in the Choice *of* Officers *and* Servants, *and in all other Matters which concern the* Hospital; *and if I, at any Time, find any Person attempting, or endeavouring*

to Embezzle its Revenue, or *defraud it in any Manner, I will vigorously oppose him, and reveal it to the* Council of Governours *for the Time Being. This I promise and swear by* GOD, *and as I shall Answer to Him at the Great Day.*

EVERY Master shall, in like manner, before he enter upon the *Exercise* of his *Office*, take the following Oath, *viz.*

I A. B. *Now appointed* Master *of the* TRINITY-HOSPITAL, *do faithfully promise, and solemnly swear, That I shall faithfully and honestly perform all that is required of me, by the* STATUTES *of this* HOSPITAL, *by* GOD, *and as I shall Answer to Him at the Great Day.*

AND the same Oath, *mutatis mutandis*, shall be taken by the *Governour* and *Governess.*

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CONCLUSION.

The Use of Statutes and Oaths.

THE *Administration* of the *Hospital's Affairs* being thus settled by *unalterable Rules*, and the faithful Execution of these *Rules*, being charged home upon the *Conscience* of every *Governour* and *Officer* by the **Oath** of **God**; it is to be hoped, That by the *Blessing of Heaven*, the *pious* and *laudable Ends* of this *charitable Foundation*, will be fully attained, to the Comfort of the *Poor*, and the Honour of *those* who now *are*, and in all future Times shall be *concerned* in the *Management* of its *Affairs*.

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